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July 10, 2013

The Honorable Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff
Los Angeles County
Sherman Block Sheriff's Headquarters
4700 Ramona Boulevard, 4th Floor
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Sheriff Baca:

At the Board of Supervisors' meeting held July 9, 2013, during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Sinetta Farley addressed the Board regarding safety concerns related to the use of illegal fireworks. During the discussion, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas requested you to review the concerns raised by Ms. Farley, and report back to the Board on the safety index.

For your information, enclosed are a copy of the "Request to Address the Board" form filled out by Ms. Farley and a transcript to assist you in preparing your report.

Sincerely,


Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer

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Enclosures

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**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Tuesday, July 09, 2013

**Agenda Number: Public
Comment**

	First	MI	Last	Position
Name	<input type="text" value="Sinetta"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Farley"/>	<input type="text" value="Public
Comment"/>

Address	<input type="text"/>	Phone	<input type="text" value="(310) 632-8600"/>		
City	<input type="text"/>	State	<input type="text" value="CA"/>	Zip	<input type="text"/>

Name of Organization Represented (if applicable)

Please Provide A Brief Description Of Your Position On This Matter



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1 DEAL WITH. HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE SITUATION. I EMAIL HIM
2 CONSTANTLY AND C.C. EVERYBODY. HE CAN DO NOTHING ABOUT THE
3 COURT ORDER. AS A MATTER OF FACT, DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE SAID TO
4 ME VERY FLIPPANTLY ONE DAY? I WAS GETTING MY BUS PASS BECAUSE
5 I DON'T HAVE A CAR, OKAY? HE SAID TO ME, "YOU KNOW, YOU SHOULD
6 BE SO HAPPY BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE GOING FROM BROWN TO
7 WHITE." REALLY? OH. THAT'S BECAUSE THE E.R. WAS NAMED SANDY
8 BROWN AND HE'S MARK WHITE. SO I SHOULD BE SO HAPPY THAT HE'S
9 TAKEN CARE OF MY CASE. WELL, LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING PAULA
10 DEAN LOST HER EMPIRE OVER A RACIST REMARK LIKE THAT. AND I
11 DON'T THINK HE WOULD DARE TO SAY THAT TO ANYBODY. BUT HE
12 THINKS I'M STUPID, OBVIOUSLY. I WANT HIM TAKEN OFF OF MY CASE.
13 HE'S INAPPROPRIATE.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, MA'AM. MS. AUSTRIA IS
16 HERE. SHE'S GOING TO ASSIST YOU PURSUANT TO YOUR REQUEST. I
17 WILL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, FOLLOWED BY DAISY SERRA, ROSIO
18 BALDERAS, PATRICIA MULCAHEY. DENISE PAZ. DAVID SERRANO, IF YOU
19 WOULD COME FORWARD. PLEASE. MISS FARLEY?

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21 **SINETTA FARLEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SINETTA FARLEY, I'M
22 PRESIDENT OF EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.
23 I'M HERE THIS MORNING BECAUSE -- OR THIS AFTERNOON, I'M HERE
24 BECAUSE I HAVE LIVED IN MY COMMUNITY ABOUT 41 YEARS. I'VE
25 NEVER BEEN IN A WAR. BUT ON THE FOURTH OF JULY, I THOUGHT I



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1 WAS IN A WAR BECAUSE OF ALL THE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS BEING SHOT
2 IN MY COMMUNITY. THIS PROBLEM IS NOT JUST IN EAST RANCHO
3 DOMINGUEZ, IT'S A COUNTY PROBLEM. AND WHEN YOU CALL THE POLICE
4 OR THE SHERIFF, THEY TELL YOU "OH, WELL WE ONLY-- WE'RE OUT
5 TRYING TO TAKE CARE OF OTHER PEOPLE." WELL THAT DOESN'T SOLVE
6 MY PROBLEM. WHEN I GOT UP THE NEXT MORNING, I HAD ALL KINDS OF
7 DEBRIS IN MY BACKYARD FROM THE ILLEGAL SHOOTING. MY REQUEST IS
8 TO YOU THE COUNTY TO TAKE A REAL SERIOUS LOOK AT ILLEGAL
9 FIREWORKS BECAUSE EVENTUALLY SOMEBODY IS GOING TO GET
10 SERIOUSLY HURT. SECONDLY, THERE MAY BE SHERIFF'S RESERVES CAN
11 BE CALLED IN TO HELP PATROL DURING THIS PROCESS LIKE ON THE
12 FOURTH. NOT ONLY ON JULY THE FOURTH BUT ALL DURING THE MONTH
13 OF JUNE. THERE WERE SO MANY ILLEGAL FIREWORKS BEING SHOT UNTIL
14 PEOPLE'S DOGS WAS RUNNING AWAY, CHILDREN WERE SCREAMING AND
15 HOLLERING. AND SO IT'S A REAL SERIOUS PROBLEM IN MY COMMUNITY.
16 BUT I'M SURE EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ IS NOT THE ONLY COMMUNITY.
17 WE ONLY HAVE ONE SHERIFF, SO THEY TELL US, IN OUR COMMUNITY TO
18 PATROL OUR COMMUNITY. SO THEREFORE WE DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY
19 KIND OF HELP. SO I'M ASKING YOU, PLEASE LOOK INTO THIS MATTER.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
22 THERE'S A SHERIFF LIAISON HERE. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME, MEMBERS
23 OF THE BOARD, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO GET A REPORT BACK FROM THE
24 SHERIFFS ON ACTIVITY SURROUNDING THE FOURTH OF JULY AND SEE
25 WHAT THE SAFETY INDEX IS. AND WE SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF THAT AND



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1 GET SUCH A REPORT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL PROCEED
2 TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

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4 **SPEAKER:** HI, THANK YOU FOR THE SECOND OPPORTUNITY. I WOULD
5 LIKE TO START OFF WITH A QUOTE THAT SAYS "THE WORLD WILL NOT
6 BE DESTROYED BY THOSE WHO DO EVIL BUT BY THOSE WHO WATCH THEM
7 WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING." I FEEL LIKE THE SUPERIORS ON TOP OF
8 THE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOBS APPROPRIATELY.
9 THIS IS WHY THE SOCIAL WORKERS DO WHAT THEY FEEL LIKE DOING.
10 AND THAT'S A BIG PROBLEM HERE. I'M NOT TOO MUCH IN FAVOR OF
11 THE BLUE RIBBON. I AM IN FAVOR, LIKE A CITIZEN PANEL. I FEEL
12 LIKE THEY WILL BE WATCHED BY CITIZENS. AND THEY WILL DO THE
13 JOBS BETTER BECAUSE WHEN SOMEBODY'S WATCHED, THEY WANT TO DO
14 THE RIGHT THING. I DON'T WANT TO IGNORE THE SUFFERING OF THE
15 KIDS NO MORE. I BELIEVE NOBODY ELSE DOES. AND WE NEED TO START
16 BY CLEANING HOUSE INSTEAD OF GIVING MORE MONEY TO PEOPLE THAT
17 ARE CRIMINALS IN MY EYES, IN MY OPINION. WHEN I WAS ON SITE
18 WITH THESE SOCIAL WORKERS, THEIR DEMEANORS, THE WAY THEY
19 CARRIED THEMSELVES, I WOULD BE AFRAID TO BE A CHILD AND HAVE
20 THEM AS MY SOCIAL WORKER. AGAIN, THEY'RE NOT LISTENING TO THIS
21 CHILD THAT DIED, GABRIEL FERNANDEZ, EVEN THOUGH POLICE WAS IN
22 CONTACT, THERAPISTS WAS IN CONTACT, TEACHER WAS IN CONTACT, IT
23 SAYS A LOT. IT'S GOING TO SCARE OTHER CHILDREN. THIS IS THE
24 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND IT'S A SHAME THIS IS HAPPENING
25 TO THE KIDS. I THINK IF YOU'RE GOING TO STAND FOR SOMETHING,